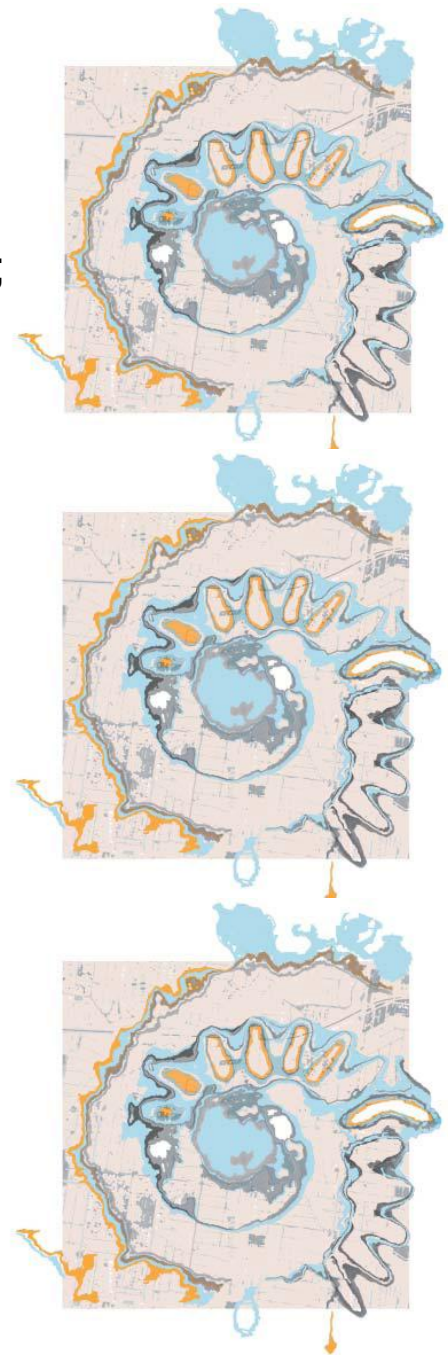# Sustainability Principles

Establishing Principles of Sustainability is the first step towards developing a Sustainability Plan for your community.

Many communities begin with a basic set of principles, such as the Melbourne Principles as explained on the next slide, and modify these for their own community.

These principles provide a starting place and guide further development of the sustainability plan.

The Melbourne Principles

1. Provide a **long-term vision** for cities based on: sustainability; intergenerational, social, economic and political equity; and their individuality.
2. Achieve **long-term economic and social security**.
3. Recognize the **intrinsic value of biodiversity and natural ecosystems**, and protect and restore them.
4. Enable communities to **minimize their ecological footprint**.
5. Build on the **characteristics of ecosystems** in the development and nurturing of healthy and sustainable cities.
6. Recognize and build on the distinctive characteristics of cities including their **human and cultural values**, history and natural systems.
7. Empower people and **foster participation**.
8. Expand and **enable cooperative networks** to work towards common, sustainable future.
9. Promote **sustainable production and consumption**, through appropriate use of environmentally sound technologies and effective demand management.
10. Enable **continual improvement**, based on accountability, transparency and good governance.

City of Saint John – Sustainability Principles

- Provide a **long-term vision** for Saint John based on the pillars of sustainability: social /cultural, environmental and economic.
- Recognize and incorporate the **valued and distinctive characteristics** of Saint John - including its human, cultural, historical and natural attributes - in our vision and planning for a sustainable city.
- Achieve **long-term economic stability and social security** in Saint John.
- E**ngage the entire community** of Saint John in the planning and implementation of sustainable solutions.
- R**espect Saint John's natural ecosystems**. Act as a custodian for the biodiversity and natural ecosystems of Saint John, and protect and restore them.
- Model the development of Saint John on the **characteristics of natural systems.**
- Strive to minimize Saint John's **ecological footprint**.
- F**oster communication** among community groups and organizations to emphasize sustainability as a common shared goal.
- P**romote sustainable production and consumption** through the use of environmentally sound technologies and effective demand management.
- Establish a systematic process of **continual improvement**, based on action planning, accountability, transparency and good governance.

Sustainable Sackville – Sustainability Principles

o We will use a balanced approach

o We will build on our strengths

o We will focus on our quality of life

o We will respect nature

o Our process will be community-based

o We will build relationships and ensure open communication

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